



BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION  
BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA

**PROCLAMATION**

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2022, AS “ARCHIVES MONTH” IN BALDWIN COUNTY, ALABAMA.**

WHEREAS, archival records contain information of enduring value to the communities, institutions, and citizens of Baldwin County and are essential for understanding the past, coping with the present, and preparing for the future; and

WHEREAS, archival records protect the rights of citizens; provide transparency and accountability for the action of government; document the growth of our economy and institutions; and connect today’s generations with the legacies of their forebears; and

WHEREAS, archival records support research into health, environmental, social, and economic issues; provide vital resources for the education of our young people; and form the basis of programs for the edification and enjoyment of the general public; and

WHEREAS, Baldwin County’s professional archivist and staff play a crucial role in identifying, preserving, and making available these records; and

WHEREAS, through these archives, future generations of Baldwin County, Alabama can more accurately study the past, learn from the accomplishments of their predecessors, trace their ancestors, understand their community’s pride of place, confirm property rights, and maintain laws, while celebrating the history of our County; and

WHEREAS, October has been declared National Archives Month in the United States by the Society of American Archivists, the International Council on Archives, and the Society of American Archivists, and it is fitting that Baldwin County join in this observance; now therefore

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BALDWIN COUNTY COMMISSION, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED that we hereby proclaim October 2022 as “Archives Month” in Baldwin County, Alabama, and encourage the public to visit the Baldwin County Archives facility and other archives and museums throughout the area.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Baldwin County, Alabama to be affixed on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.*

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Commissioner James E. Ball, Chairman

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Commissioner Matthew McKenzie

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Commissioner Billie Jo Underwood

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